

# STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS

## CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION\*

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### ERRATA

Minimum Requirements for "*Roentgenotherapy*" not "*Roentgenography*" is the title of Dr. H. J. Ullmann's article which was in the February 1931 issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, page 73.

"Daily" in the report from the State Board of Health statistics on poliomyelitis quoted by J. C. Geiger, M. D., in the February issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, page 115, should read "*weekly*."

### COUNCIL MINUTES

#### Minutes of the One Hundred and Ninety-Sixth Meeting of the Council of the California Medical Association

Held in the Indian Room, Hotel Ambassador, Los Angeles, Saturday, September 27, 1930, at 10 a. m.

**Present.**—Doctors Kinney, Harris, Pallette, Arnold, Duffield, Moseley, DeLappe, Phillips, Coffey, Hamlin, Peers, Hunter, Cushman, Kress, Catton, Kelly and Pope, and General Counsel Peart.

**Absent.**—Doctors Rogers and Ewer.

1. **Roll Call.**—The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Oliver D. Hamlin.

2. **Date of Next Council Meeting.**—Discussion was had of the date of the next meeting of the Council, and on motion of Peers, seconded by Kinney, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the next meeting of the Council be held at San Francisco on Saturday, January 31, 1931.

3. **Minutes of the Council.**—Minutes of the 193rd and 194th meetings of the Council, as mailed to all councilors, were presented for discussion and approval.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by Duffield, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the minutes of the 193rd and 194th meetings of the Council, as mailed to all members thereof, be approved.

Minutes of the 195th meeting of the Council were presented. Doctor Kress stated that in order that the records might contain a detailed report on the item regarding letter from the Hewlett Club and other members of the California Medical Association on certain House of Delegates resolutions, he had prepared more amplified minutes. Doctor Kress then read the statement in full, which was accepted by the Council as a correction to the minutes.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by Duffield, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That minutes of items three and five of the 195th meeting of the Council regarding letter from the Hewlett Club and other members of the

California Medical Association on certain House of Delegates resolutions as amended and submitted to the Council in writing be substituted for these items in the original draft.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kinney, seconded by Harris, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the minutes of the 195th meeting of the Council, as amended, be approved.

Doctor Kress then presented the following resolution, which was duly seconded and carried:

Resolved, By the Council, that minutes of the Council and Executive Committee meetings be transcribed as soon as possible after every meeting, and that copies of the minutes be mailed to each councilor not later than fourteen days after such Council or Executive Committee meeting, unless this time limit has been extended by the chairman.

Doctor Kress then presented the following resolution on tentative drafts of minutes, which was seconded by Duffield and carried:

Resolved, By the Council, that if Council and Executive Committee meeting minutes cannot be approved within a few days at a subsequent meeting (as at annual session meetings), then when the Association secretary sends to each councilor within fourteen days after such meeting the tentative draft of the minutes of such meeting, the minutes so sent out shall always have the following notation at the beginning of such minutes. "This is a tentative draft of minutes prepared by the secretary. This draft is not official until approved by the Council. This draft is for the personal inspection and consideration of councilors only."

4. **Minutes of the Executive Committee.**—The chairman stated that the minutes of the 120th, 121st, and 122nd meetings of the Executive Committee had been mailed to all councilors and if there were no objections, he would entertain a motion for their approval without further reading.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Pallette, seconded by Harris, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the minutes of the 120th, 121st, and 122nd meetings of the Executive Committee, as mailed to all councilors, be approved.

**Digests of Proceedings of Executive Committee.**—Doctor Kress then presented the following resolution on digests of Executive Committee minutes for publication in the official journal, which was duly seconded and carried:

Resolved, That the secretary of the Association be instructed to prepare condensed digests of such items of business transacted by the Executive Committee as would seemingly be of special interest to members of the Association; such digests to be sent out to members of the Council, with the minutes of the Executive Committee, in order that members of the Council may be in position to suggest any desirable modifications before publication. Such digests of records of Executive Committee meetings shall be printed in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE and be appended to the minutes of the Council meeting at which such Executive Committee minutes are ratified. Such digests shall follow a general form as outlined in the form attached to this resolution.

#### FORM OF DIGEST

"Digest of the proceedings of the ——— meeting of the Executive Committee of the California Medical Association.

\* For a complete list of general officers, of standing committees, of section officers, and of executive officers of the component county societies, see index reference on the front cover, under Miscellany.

"At this meeting of the Executive Committee held on ——— action as indicated herein was taken on the following items of business:

"1. Name or nature of the item of business. Brief summary of the action taken.

"2. As above . . . etc."

5. **Financial Statements.**—Financial statements for the months of July and August 1930 were presented by the secretary and approved as submitted.

The apparent increase of expenses over receipts from April to December is occasioned by the fact that the major portion of dues of members is received during the first three months of the year.

6. **Annual Meeting.**—T. Henshaw Kelly, chairman of the Arrangements Committee, gave a progress report on arrangements for the annual meeting. Doctor Kelly stated that the present plan for clinics was that the two teaching universities would be selected and a group of clinics organized. These clinics would be held at a time when there was no conflict of meetings and should be about three hours in length. Doctor Kelly stated that by centralization of clinics it would be possible to cover about twelve subjects. The clinics would be announced in the *JOURNAL* and members would sign up for attendance at the time of registering for the annual meeting.

Action by the Council.—On motion duly made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That we endorse the plan outlined of having the two teaching universities maintain the clinics to be held during the mornings of the annual session and that the registration plan outlined by the chairman of the Arrangements Committee be adhered to.

7. **Public Health Exhibit.**—Letter from Fred B. Clarke, chairman of the Committee on Health and Public Instruction was read.

Doctor Kress stated that it might be advisable to create a state bureau of public health information and that this could be placed under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Health.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by Hunter, and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee in conjunction with the Committee on Public Policy, the General Counsel of the California Medical Association and representatives of the California State Board of Health, be instructed to prepare a draft for a bill to be presented at the next legislature which will provide for a "Bureau of Public Health Information," to be a bureau in the California State Department of Public Health. Said bureau of public health information to be in charge of a chief who shall be a citizen of California who holds a license to practice as a physician and surgeon; and the said bureau to be authorized to expend funds allocated to it in the dissemination of public health information through printed literature; through announcements in the public press; through radio broadcasting stations and other agencies of news dissemination; and be it further

Resolved, That when such draft has been prepared, a copy shall be sent to each councilor with request for suggestions as to changes, omissions or additions; the Executive Committee of the California Medical Association to then empower the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation to have the bill as prepared submitted at the forty-ninth session of the California legislature which will convene in January 1931.

Doctor Peers suggested that it would be well to consult with the director of the Department of Public Health since the bureau was to be placed under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Health.

8. **Medical Practice Act.**—Junius B. Harris, chairman of the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation, stated that at the coming legislature he would present before the legislative bureau the matter of

adding a section to the Medical Practice Act which would require that in addition to the four-year medical education, applicants must have served one year's internship or its equivalent before being eligible for examination for license to practice medicine.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by Kelly, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation be empowered to hold the necessary conferences to put into form a draft of the proposed amendment covering internship and that copies of the draft be sent to members of the Council prior to action being taken thereon.

9. **Director of Institutions.**—Letter from the secretary of the Napa County Society regarding the California State Director of Institutions was read.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Duffield, seconded by Kelly, and unanimously carried, it was

Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation.

10. **Committee on Public Policy and Legislation.**—Discussion was had of the present membership of the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation, and it was the sense of the Council that the committee stand as is.

11. **Committee on Clinical and Research Prizes.**—The Secretary stated that the term of George Dock, chairman of the Committee on Clinical and Research Prizes had expired.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by Harris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Dr. George Dock be reappointed on the Committee on Clinical and Research Prizes for a term of three years.

12. **Letters from The Hewlett Club and Other Members of the California Medical Association.**—The secretary read a letter dated July 29, 1930, addressed to the chairman, signed by T. Addis for the signers of the original letter protesting against certain resolutions of the House of Delegates, asking that immediate publication be made of the letter of protest and enclosing statement to be sent out to all members of the California Medical Association in the event that publication was refused. The secretary then read a letter dated August 28, 1930, signed by T. Addis for the signers of the letter of protest and addressed to the chairman, stating that the signers would not resort to publication in the form of a communication to members unless the Council should decide to refuse access to the society's publication, and that they would await the Council's decision on September 27.

Discussion was then had on the publication of the original letter. It was pointed out that an article had been published by Doctor Coffey giving his findings and that scientific experiments could now be carried on by others and the results thereof recorded. The advisability of publication of the letter in the Correspondence column which would be headed by a notice of nonresponsibility for the material contained thereunder was discussed. It was pointed out that such notice would not release the Association from responsibility for publication of libelous matter. The right of members of the Association in seeking publication of letters of criticism or disagreement with expressed policies was acknowledged, but the Council felt that such letters should be free from all libelous or untrue statements. The original letter of the Hewlett Club and other members of the Association filed with the secretary on May 19, 1930, and the amended letter filed with the secretary on June 3, 1930, were then discussed in detail, and certain statements contained therein which might be construed as libelous were pointed out.

Doctor Coffey then outlined his investigations in connection with the Coffey-Humber cancer extract and discussed the publicity which had appeared in the newspapers. Doctor Coffey expressed the desire

to meet with the signers of the letter from the Hewlett Club and certain members of the San Francisco County Medical Society in regard to the subject.

Doctor Kelly then spoke of the value of harmony within the Association and stated that three alternatives presented themselves: (1) To take no action, which would leave the members of the Association with the feeling that the Council had refused to give them what they had a right to; (2) to ask the signers to send in another letter eliminating possible libelous statements, which could be passed on by a committee of three before publication in the *JOURNAL*; (3) to do as Doctor Coffey has suggested and arrange a meeting with the signers before final request is denied or granted.

**13. Noon Adjournment.**—At this point adjournment was taken for luncheon.

**14. Call to Order.**—The meeting was called to order by the chairman, who stated that before discussion was resumed on the letters from the Hewlett Club, some of the minor matters on the docket would be dispensed with.

**15. Credentials Committee Blank Forms.**—It was decided that discussion of forms for use by the Credentials Committee should be put over until the spring meeting of the Council.

**16. Membership.**—The secretary presented a request from the San Francisco County Society asking that William Charles Munly be granted associate membership in the California Medical Association. Doctor Kelly explained that Doctor Munly was at present in the federal service at the Presidio.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Peers, seconded by Kress, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That William Charles Munly be granted associate membership in the California Medical Association.

Letter from the San Francisco County Society, with attached data on membership, was presented, in which it was requested that Dr. C. Max Richter be granted retired membership.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Peers, seconded by Harris, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Clemens Max Richter, San Francisco, be granted retired membership in the California Medical Association.

**17. Transfer of Membership on Change of Residence.**—The secretary stated that a letter had been sent all members of the California Medical Association who were members of a county society other than that of their residence and asked authorization for a letter to county secretaries before January 1 notifying them that dues be not accepted from any but resident members or others covered by the exceptions to this by-law.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kelly, seconded by Kress, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the secretary be directed (1) to write a second letter on the first of November to those members who have not yet transferred under the provisions of the new constitution; (2) to furnish a list of such members to the county society secretary; and (3) that before the first of January the county society secretaries be notified of those members who have not transferred and be requested to not accept dues for 1931 from such members.

**18. Societies in Remote Counties.**—Doctor Peers stated that doctors residing in Modoc County where there is no county society had been anxious to join county societies other than adjoining counties as provided in the Constitution. It was pointed out that the logical society for doctors in Modoc to join was the Lassen-Plumas County Society.

Doctor Kress then spoke of the value of senatorial contact in all counties.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by Pallette, and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee, in cooperation with the Committee on Membership and Organization, be instructed to investigate the possibility of organizing a county medical society for every state senatorial district when a county society does not exist in such, and that the Executive Committee be authorized to bring about a preliminary organization of such possible future union of county medical units as soon as possible, and that a report thereon be presented at the spring meeting of the Council.

**19. Dues of Members.**—Discussion was had of dues of members joining the Association on or after July 1 of any year, and it was the sense of the Council that one-half the annual dues be assessed such members.

**20. Woman's Auxiliary.**—Doctor Kress stated that Mrs. James F. Percy, president of the State Woman's Auxiliary, was anxious to have more explicit by-laws for the auxiliary and that the draft submitted to the Council had been prepared and was submitted through the Committee on Associated Societies and Technical Groups.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by Duffield, and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the revision of the by-laws and rules of procedure for the Woman's Auxiliary of the California Medical Association and its component county auxiliaries be adopted as submitted through the Committee on Associated Societies and Technical Groups; the Executive Committee of the California Medical Association to have the power to make necessary changes therein as required.

Letter from Doctor Kress regarding the publication of reprints of September editorial on the Woman's Auxiliary was presented.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, duly seconded and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the editorial on Woman's Auxiliary, as printed in the September issue of *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE*, be printed and that the secretary of the Association send the proper number of copies to each county auxiliary, retaining extra copies in the central office for future use for prospective county auxiliaries.

**21. Committee on History and Obituaries.**—Doctor Kress spoke of the value of collecting data on medical history and presented the following resolution, which was duly seconded and carried:

Resolved, That the Committee on History and Obituaries be requested to learn where and at what price as complete sets as possible of former California medical journals and publications may be obtained, in order that the Council may determine whether or not it might wish to purchase the same for the archives of the California Medical Association.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by Catton, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on History and Obituaries be authorized to incur clerical and allied expense incident to the collection of historical material for the California Medical Association to a sum, the total of which shall not exceed the amount of \$200. Such expenditure to be paid by members of the committee who are to send in receipted bills through the committee chairman for reimbursement.

**22. Annual Directory.**—It was stated that a brief résumé on early day medicine in California would be of interest to many of the members, and Doctor Kress suggested that such résumé be included in the annual directory.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Catton, seconded by Kress, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the editors, in coöperation with the Committee on History, be authorized to insert such additional data bearing on the early days of organized medicine in California as in their judgment would be of interest or value to present-day members of the California Medical Association.

It was felt that approximately ten pages should be set aside for the historical data in the next annual directory.

**23. State Medical Library.**—Doctor Kress brought up the question of a state medical library to be carried on through funds which had been collected by the Board of Medical Examiners in licensing physicians.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by Duffield, and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation be instructed to look into the matter of a proposed bill for a state medical library, having in mind a draft that would permit a central library in connection with the State Library in Sacramento and other depositories in the University of California, Stanford, and the Barlow Library at Los Angeles; and further, that the draft be referred to the Executive Committee and in due time a copy be sent to all councilors; funds for such library to be obtained through appropriation by the state by transferring some of the reserve funds of the California Board of Medical Examiners (which reserve funds represent the accumulation of licenses and similar taxes levied on physicians) and which are now in such amount as to be in excess of the current maintenance needs of the California State Board of Medical Examiners.

**24. Yolo-Colusa-Glenn County Society.**—In accordance with instructions of the House of Delegates, the Council authorized the granting of a charter to the Yolo-Colusa-Glenn County Society. It was felt that the value of having a county society in each senatorial district should be discussed with the Yolo-Colusa-Glenn County Society.

**25. Coöperative Diagnostic Laboratories.**—Doctor Hamlin stated that the question of the Coöperative Diagnostic Laboratories had been presented to the Council for consideration. It was stated that the question of ethics of members participating in such a corporation had been under discussion for the past five years and that at the 1930 meeting the judicial council of the American Medical Association had gone on record expressing the opinion "that schemes of this kind are unethical and directly opposed to the interests of scientific medicine and the public."

The report of the judicial council of the American Medical Association and the report of the Reference Committee of the American Medical Association was then read by Doctor Kinney.

It was pointed out that these laboratories were now extending their activities to counties other than Los Angeles and that the California Medical Association had taken no definite action on the question.

Doctor Duffield discussed the investigations which had been carried on through a committee of the Los Angeles County Association, stating that a minority report had been submitted by Doctor Percy and himself, expressing the opinion that such practice was unethical. Doctor Duffield referred to the opinion rendered by Hubert Morrow, attorney for the Los Angeles County Medical Association, who at that time stated that an examination of the by-laws seemed to show that the business was wholly coöperative.

Dr. Henry Snure then addressed the Council, stating that the radiologists were anxious that some action be taken by the Association.

Doctor Harris expressed the opinion that Section 14 of the Medical Practice Act covered this question and the facts should be brought to the attention of the Board of Medical Examiners.

Dr. Orville Meland, representing the Radiological Society of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, then spoke to the councilors, stating that they desired the moral support of the Council in trying to cope with the situation.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Catton, seconded by Duffield, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Council, and it is declared as a statement of ethics in that regard, that any physician who is a participating member of a diagnostic laboratory and who receives as compensation from that laboratory a portion of the fees paid by patients he has referred to that laboratory shall be considered unethical.

It was felt that the matter should be discussed at a future meeting of the Council.

**26. Paper for the Journal.**—Doctor Kress called the attention of the Council to a manuscript submitted by a member of the Alameda County Society. It was the sense of the Council that there was no objection to publication in the JOURNAL.

**27. Resignation of Alternate.**—The secretary read a letter from William E. Stevens of San Francisco submitting his resignation as alternate to Dr. Irving Ingber for sessions of the American Medical Association House of Delegates.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Harris, seconded by Catton, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the resignation of William E. Stevens as alternate to Irving Ingber be accepted.

**28. Letters From the Hewlett Club and Other Members of the California Medical Association.**—The question of publication of the letters of the Hewlett Club was then brought up.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Palette, seconded by Cushman, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, It appears that the letter of members of the Hewlett Club and other members of this Association, filed with the secretary May 19, 1930, and amended letter filed with the secretary June 3, 1930, publication of which in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, is requested by the signers thereof, may, in the opinion of the attorney of this Association be hereafter adjudged to contain libelous matter; and

Whereas, It is, and always has been the policy of the Association, to hold the columns of the official journal of this Association open for the publication of any relevant communication from any of its members, when couched in proper, nonlibelous language; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That said letters be not published in their present form; and be it further

Resolved, That the president-elect, the chairman of the Council, and the councilor at large from San Francisco, Joseph Catton, are directed to arrange a meeting with the signers of these letters, to lay before them certain facts relating to matters referred to therein for their consideration, and that Doctors Coffey and Humber be invited to attend this meeting, in accordance with Doctor Coffey's suggestion made at this meeting of the Council; and be it further

Resolved, That if as a result of such conference said members desire to have a communication published and a letter may be prepared, which, in the opinion of the Executive Committee of the Association, is proper in its language and its statement of facts, the editor of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE is hereby directed to publish the same; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the secretary to the signers of said letters.

**29. Group Insurance.**—Item 29 refers to a matter of group insurance, which is still under investigation. Publication will be made after action has been taken at a future meeting of the Council.

**30. Medical Economics Committee.**—Dr. John H. Graves, chairman of the Medical Economics Committee, stated that he had had a meeting of his committee and that the committee requested that a column be set aside in the state journal for information of the members on the subject of medical economics and the activities of the committee. It was pointed out by the editor that such space is now available under the Medical Economics column of the Miscellany department for material submitted by the Committee on Medical Economics.

**31. Western Journal of Surgery.**—The first issue of the *Western Journal of Surgery* was presented for the inspection of the Council, and the request for publicity in the Association JOURNAL discussed. Advertising matter accepted by the *Western Journal of Surgery* which was not acceptable to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE was discussed.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kinney, seconded by Moseley, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the viewpoint of this Council that under the circumstances, with such advertising as appears in the *Western Journal of Surgery*, it is not possible to give commendatory notice in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE at this time.

**32. National Tuberculosis Association.**—Request for publicity in the JOURNAL for the annual Tuberculosis Association seal sale was presented. After discussion, on motion of Peers, seconded by Catton and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the JOURNAL give not to exceed one page of space in the December issue for reading notices for the National Tuberculosis Association.

**33. Advertising in the Journal.**—The secretary submitted a report on advertising in the JOURNAL during 1930.

**34. Hospital Data.**—The secretary stated that requests for data on hospitals throughout California were frequently received at the state office and no complete data were on file.

It was suggested that the secretary write a letter to the various hospitals and institutions throughout California requesting a copy of the annual report and securing additional information by means of a questionnaire.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by Kelly, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the secretary be requested to accumulate hospital data from available sources and by means of a questionnaire so that a list may be prepared containing information concerning hospitals in California in as complete form as possible.

Letter from Dr. Langley Porter enclosing clipping on the Alhambra Clinic was read.

**35. Medico-Legal Case.**—Dr. Joseph Catton discussed a medico-legal case in Oregon and stated that the Association might wish to enter an *ex parte* brief.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Catton, seconded by Kress, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the general counsel be asked to bring in information on this subject to the Executive Committee to the end that an official statement may be given publicity in the Medico-Legal department of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

**36. British Medical Association Medical Economics Data.**—The general counsel stated that at the request of President Kinney, during his visit in England he had called at the office of the British Medical Association and discussed the problem of health insurance and medical economics. Mr. Peart stated that the British Medical Association had made a very extensive study of medical economics. Mr. Peart stated that he had collected data on health insurance, and other rules and regulations used in England.

It was the sense of the Council that Mr. Peart present a digest of the data collected.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by Harris, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Medical Economics, the Committee on Hospitals, Dispensaries and Clinics, and the general counsel be requested to bring in a report at the January meeting on medical and hospital costs.

**37. Lay Medical Service Corporation.**—The present status of the case of the *People vs. The Lay Medical Service Corporation* was discussed and the secretary was instructed to secure a statement of the costs to date.

**38. Ownership of X-ray Plates.**—Doctor Peers asked if any decision had been reached regarding the ownership of x-ray plates.

It was the sense of the Council that a letter be written to Doctor Woodward of the Bureau of Legal Medicine and Legislation asking that he send a digest of the law on ownership of x-ray plates.

**39. Adjournment.**—There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

OLIVER D. HAMLIN, *Chairman.*  
EMMA W. POPE, *Secretary.*

## COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

### ALAMEDA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Alameda County Medical Association was held in the Board of Education building on Monday evening, January 19. The first paper on the evening's program was the report of a case of angioma of the spine, the report being made by Dr. Leonard Barnard and further discussed by Dr. N. A. Cary, who showed x-rays of bone lesions in this and other similar cases. The doctors believe that this lesion is not so rare as the literature suggests. The case here reported is the first to be diagnosed by x-ray prior to surgery.

The second paper of the evening was a discussion of streptothrix infection of the mouth and throat by Dr. F. S. Baxter. Doctor Baxter urged that this pathological entity be borne in mind by those handling diseases of the mouth and throat. Colored illustrations of the condition were shown and a number of cases were reported.

Dr. Karl Meyer of Hooper Foundation was the guest speaker of the evening. Doctor Meyer discussed the prevention of milk-borne diseases, with particular reference to tuberculosis, typhoid and dysentery, septic sore throat and undulant fever. The history of milk-borne infections was reviewed and methods outlined for their control. A study of carriers as well as those acutely ill in connection with dairy work was discussed. Doctor Meyer called attention to the remarkable results obtained in the cleaning up of dairies and the elimination of tuberculosis therefrom in this state, and believes that in the near future all herds will be free from both tuberculosis and abortus infections. The doctor warned against the diagnosis of Malta fever by agglutination tests in *low* dilution, pointing out the fact that because of widespread abortus infection in the cattle of the entire world a certain amount of immunity is developed in all milk drinkers.

The Association went on record as unanimously endorsing the recommendation contained in the report of Dr. Joseph Mountin, who has recently surveyed Alameda County's publicly supported health and hospital service. Doctor Mountin's report contains the recommendation that a full-time county health officer be appointed and that a hospital commission should be named which should include the administration of all county activities relating both to the prevention of disease and the promotion of health and to the care of the sick.

GERTRUDE MOORE, *Secretary.*

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The first regular meeting of the Contra Costa County Medical Society under the newly elected president, Dr. W. A. Rowell of Crockett, was held at Hotel Carquinez on the evening of January 13.

The minutes of the November business meeting and the report of the annual banquet held in December were read by the secretary and accepted. The application of Dr. Henry W. Stirewalt for membership in the society on a transfer from San Francisco County was unanimously passed. A report of the activities of the Woman's Auxiliary during the year 1930 was read and accepted. A letter from the Contra Costa County Dental Society expressed its appreciation of the opportunity of meeting with the medical profession during the past year and suggested that such joint meetings be held more frequently in the future. This suggestion was favorably acted upon and it was tentatively decided to hold a joint meeting with the dental profession in March. The following committee appointments made in 1930 by the retiring president were confirmed for the year 1931:

Committee on Medical Economics—Dr. J. M. McCullough of Crockett.

Committee on Public Policy and Legislation—Doctors U. S. Abbott of Richmond, E. W. Merrieth of Martinez, and S. N. Weil of Rodeo.

Committee on Public Health—Doctors J. M. McCullough, S. N. Weil, and J. F. Feldman.

A report from the Committee on Public Health was postponed until the next meeting.

The scientific paper of the evening was presented by Dr. F. H. Kruse of San Francisco, who spoke on "Cholecystitis, Cholelithiasis—Cause and Effect." Doctor Kruse gave a highly interesting discussion of the mechanism involved in the pathology and etiology of biliary diseases. His lecture was illustrated by well-chosen radiographs and lantern slides. This elaborate subject was covered in a very efficient manner by the speaker and brought out an interesting discussion from the members. Martinez was chosen for the next meeting to be held February 10. Following the meeting the society entertained the Woman's Auxiliary at a buffet lunch.

Members and guests present were: Doctors W. A. Rowell, J. M. McCullough of Crockett; S. N. Weil of Rodeo; A. H. Beede of Walnut Creek; C. Bolinder of Danville; J. W. Bumgarner, F. W. Overdahl, C. O. Bishop, R. J. Harmon, Rosa Powell, C. R. Blake, L. St. John Hely, H. L. Carpenter, J. F. Feldman and L. H. Fraser, all of Richmond.

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The Contra Costa County Medical Society was host to over one hundred public officials, members of school boards, of sheriff and district attorneys' offices, welfare organizations, and the judicial and legal professions at a special meeting held at Hotel Carquinez, Richmond, on the evening of January 24. The occasion was a lecture on the criminal problem, by Dr. Herman Adler, professor of criminology at the University of California, formerly director of the Chicago Institute for Juvenile Research, and psychiatrist at Joliet prison. Representatives from all parts of the county filled the hall, and demonstrated by their appreciation of gratitude and generous applause their consideration of this unusual opportunity of hearing such an eminent authority in criminal and allied subjects.

The president of the society, Dr. William A. Rowell, was in the chair and extended the profession's welcome to the assembled guests. Deputy Sheriff Ralph Harrison of Martinez was introduced and paid a glowing tribute to the members of the medical profession of the county for their efficient and conscientious cooperation with the representatives of the law during recent years. Mr. Hollis Thompson, city manager of Berkeley, was next introduced and spoke briefly of the warm bonds of friend-

ship and cooperation which exist between the two sister counties of Alameda and Contra Costa. Dr. Hubert Rowell, who has been associated with the police department of Berkeley for many years, next made a few introductory remarks and presented the invited speaker, Dr. Herman Adler, whose topic was "The Potential Criminal."

The speaker discussed the influence of heredity and environment in juvenile delinquency and inclined to the theory of environment as the major influence in the larger majority of cases. Criminal insanity, Doctor Adler declared, was far too much emphasized. The mania for thrills and the lack of elbow room in our rapidly growing cities, the speed of the age in which we live, and the complexity of life itself, were allotted a major part in the etiology of child delinquency by the speaker. Remedial measures in this great problem were stated to depend a great deal on the community spirit and cooperation of the public. Doctor Adler illustrated his lecture with vivid descriptions and comments on the most notorious juvenile cases in the field of criminology during recent years. Generous appreciation of Doctor Adler's talk by the many representative guests in attendance impressed the medical profession with the value of this and other similar meetings with laymen interested in the same problems. Opinions were freely given that such affairs greatly contribute to the understanding of medico-legal matters, and promote valuable good will toward the profession. In thanking Doctor Adler for the interesting lecture, President W. A. Rowell extended the thanks of the society to its valuable member, Dr. J. B. Blackshaw of Antioch, through whose efforts the meeting was made possible.

Gracing the speaker's table were: Doctor Adler, the president; Dr. Hubert Rowell of Berkeley, Superior Judge A. B. McKenzie, Superior Judge H. V. Alvarado, and Deputy Sheriff Ralph Harrison of Martinez. Before the meeting, Doctor Adler was guest at a dinner which was attended by many representative dignitaries of the various county agencies for law enforcements.

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A well-attended meeting was held by the Contra Costa County Medical Society at the County Hospital, Martinez, on February 10.

The minutes of the last regular meeting held in Richmond and those of the special public meeting held on the occasion of Dr. Herman Adler's visit to Contra Costa County were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Public Health was presented. It was moved by the chairman, Dr. J. M. McCullough, and seconded by Doctor Weil, that this report be forwarded to the County Board of Supervisors and the County Taxpayers' Association, together with a resolution endorsing the recommendations of the county health officer, Dr. Paul Capps. An offer of cooperation and assistance of the medical society in carrying out the recommendations of these reports was also to be included in this resolution.

The application of Dr. J. Roger U. Campbell of Bay Point for admission to the society on a transfer from San Francisco was postponed until the provision for six months' residence is fulfilled.

Warnings were offered by various members against narcotic addicts, who have been calling on members throughout the past few weeks.

Suggestions on the types of programs preferred by the members were requested by the chair, and were freely given.

The president, Dr. W. A. Rowell, announced the inability of the chief scheduled speaker to be present and introduced Mr. A. B. Tinning, past district attorney of the county. Mr. Tinning gave a very able and instructive talk on legal matters pertaining to the individual physician. The various phases of the legal obligation that a physician has toward his patients were discussed and illustrated by well-chosen cases. The physician's legal responsibilities in expert



testimony and the principles involved in malpractice suits were brought out. Mr. Tinning is ably qualified to speak on medical legal subjects, and the society was very fortunate in having him for a speaker. A prolonged discussion followed and questions were asked and answered on many interesting points of the law.

Following the meeting a buffet lunch was served to the members and guests at the First Congregational Church by the Woman's Auxiliary.

Those present were: Doctors Rowell, McCullough, Weil, Merrithew, Beard, Fitzpatrick, McLafferty, Clara Spaulding, Blake, Powell, Keser, Neufeld, Bishop, Fraser, and the following guests: Doctors Bolinder, Overdahl, J. B. Spaulding, Harmon, Leggo, Campbell, Morken and Milne. Mrs. Purviance, Mrs. Tonn and Miss Hench.

L. H. FRASER, *Secretary*.

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#### ORANGE COUNTY

The regular monthly session of the Orange County Medical Association was held Tuesday, February 3, at 8 p. m. in the Orange County Hospital staff room.

This meeting was called to order, in the absence of the president, by Vice-president Maroon. The minutes of the December regular and special meetings and of the annual meeting of January were read and approved.

It was moved and seconded that the president appoint a committee on medical economics, and this committee to serve through its chairman on the subcommittee of the California Medical Association. This was unanimously carried.

The annual financial report for the year 1930 was read by the secretary, and showed the society to be in a sound financial condition.

The first readings of the applications of Doctors Charles E. Saulsberry and Roy A. Cummings were heard. These applications were held over for a final reading and vote at the regular March meeting.

The scientific program consisted of three short, concise and practical papers dealing with the eye, ear, nose, and throat. Dr. H. D. Newkirk's paper on "The Tonsils" was excellent, and was fully discussed by Doctor Sellon of Fullerton. Dr. S. T. Johnston's paper on "The Eye" was most practical and beneficial. Dr. G. M. Tralle's paper on "The Ear" contained many helpful hints for the general practitioner in the diagnosis of such diseases. This paper was discussed in a very capable manner by Dr. W. C. Mayes.

HARRY G. HUFFMAN, *Secretary*.

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#### PLACER COUNTY

The Placer County Medical Society held its January meeting on the 24th of the month at Auburn, being called to order by Dr. Robert H. Eveleth, president.

There were present the following members and visitors: Members—Doctors Eveleth, Rooney, William Miller, Thoren, Mackay, P. D. Barnes, Peers, McArthur, Dunievitz, L. B. Barnes, Russell, Louis Jones, and C. E. Lewis. Visitors—Doctor Kindopp of Colfax, Doctors Cameron, Fraser and Crossen, and Mr. Thoren of Weimar; Doctors Kanner, Cook, Schoff, Scatena, Gundrum, Hopkins, Beach, and Reardon of Sacramento.

After the ordinary routine business, the president introduced Dr. H. M. Kanner of Sacramento, a former member of the Placer County Medical Association, who gave an address illustrated by charts and lantern slides.

Doctor Kanner reported nine cases of low cesarean done on seven patients, with no mortality. Three had only one low cervical cesarean. Two had a classical and two low cervical cesareans. One had two low cervical cesareans. One had one classical and two

low cervical cesareans. Four of these patients were in labor with an average length of labor of twenty-two hours. Two had ruptured membranes, with an average length of nine hours. The other two had a good test of labor with a fully dilated cervix; membranes not ruptured.

One of these patients was frankly infected, having a temperature of 100 with a pulse of 110 prior to operation. This patient and one other, which had a ruptured membrane for six hours and four rectal examinations, were the only ones that had any morbidity. There were four cases of ligation of the tubes at time of the operation.

These cases, Doctor Kanner stated, are representative of what is to be expected in the low cervical cesarean. No mortality, low morbidity, easy convalescence, very few adhesions, with invisibility of scar in the lower segment.

Following Doctor Kanner, Dr. C. E. Schoff of Sacramento addressed the society on "Eczematoid Dermatoses of Hands and Feet Due to the Presence of Fungi."

Doctor Schoff stated that epidermophytosis, in its general terminology today, is somewhat like its predecessor eczema, which has been used for a number of years to express a number of skin affections to which no etiological factor could be attributed; so, too, the term "epidermophytosis" is to designate such affection of the glabrous skin caused by many fungi, which, under suitable conditions, cause dermatoses. It has been shown pedal mycoses have their origin in the fourth interdigital space of the feet and, likewise, in the third interdigital space of the hands. The infection can be transmitted through the media of wool socks, leather wrist-watch bands, silk undergarments and, very frequently, is contracted in public and semi-public shower baths. Epidermophytic affections of the nails are not rare and the most intractable to treatment. It should be remembered that molds love dark places and shoes worn from fourteen to eighteen hours per day and never aërated, and silk stockings, which are never boiled, form good media for fungi to grow. A child affected with ringworm of the feet will respond wonderfully if allowed to go barefooted.

Doctor Schoff closed with remarks on treatment, mentioning particularly the use of ointments containing salicylic acid.

Both of these papers elicited general discussion.

ROBERT A. PEERS, *Secretary*.

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#### SACRAMENTO COUNTY

The November meeting of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was held at the Senator Hotel on November 18 at 8:30 p. m. Forty-two members were present. The president, Gustave Wilson, called the meeting to order.

Dr. F. F. Gundrum read a few paragraphs from the preface of an interesting old Pharmacopoeia which was published in 1828.

Dr. Frank Topping made a further report on thy-mophycene.

Dr. E. T. Rulison reported a case of tubal abortion in which there had been no interruption in the menses. An autotransfusion was performed on this case following the laparotomy.

Dr. Edward Babcock reported an interesting case of pneumonia in a child in which the x-ray findings were confusing. A few other cases were mentioned and x-ray films shown in which the clinical findings of pneumonia were not borne out by the films until later in the course of the disease.

The paper of the evening was delivered by Dr. Edmund J. Morrissey of San Francisco. Doctor Morrissey's subject was "Spinal Cord Tumors," especially their symptoms and signs. The subjective symptoms were discussed first. An important diag-

nostic point was emphasized, namely, that of nerve root pain or localized pain in patients with a spinal cord tumor was made more severe by coughing or straining. Objective symptoms were then outlined such as motor and sensory disturbances, anesthetics, paralysis, and parasthesias. These symptoms would aid materially in localizing the tumor. Doctor Morrissey described certain tests which would help to localize the tumor. The technique of lipiodol injections in diagnosis was discussed and x-ray films were shown of lipiodol injected cases. In summary, the following points are important in arriving at a diagnosis of spinal cord tumor: (1) History. (2) Neurological examination. (3) Spinal puncture with manometer. (4) Lipiodol injections into the cistern, with subsequent x-ray examination of the spinal canal.

Appreciation of the paper was voiced by Doctors Gundrum, Cook, and Babcock.

The transfer of Dr. Herbert F. True was read for the first time.

FRANK WARNE LEE, *Secretary*.

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#### SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

The regular meeting of the San Bernardino County Medical Society was held at the County Hospital in San Bernardino on January 6.

The meeting was called to order by the first vice-president in the enforced absence of the president.

The proposed change in the by-laws was then passed by unanimous vote.

Section 1. The board of councilors of the San Bernardino County Medical Society shall nominate a ticket containing a name for each office to be filled, and the names of the nominees with the titles of the office for which they are respectively nominated shall be printed in the official program for the meeting in April. If there are no nominations properly seconded at this meeting or at the May meeting by any member of the society, the ticket as printed shall be declared elected at the regular annual meeting.

Section 2. Any member properly seconded and with the consent of his candidate may nominate his candidate for office at the meeting in April or May. This section must be published in the official program at the time of the publication of the nominations of the board of councilors.

Announcement was made regarding the Santa Barbara clinic day.

Announcement was made regarding the prizes given by the California Medical Association for the best papers on clinical research, and also of the establishment of a library open to all physicians at the University of California Medical School.

The following three men were admitted to membership: Dr. Cecil E. Burk, Dr. Rodney F. Wood, and Dr. Byron F. Mock.

Moved and seconded that the society send flowers to the president, Dr. H. Hill, who is ill in the hospital.

The program of the evening was then given.

Motion picture, "Traumatic Surgery of the Extremities." There were four reels shown and each was discussed as run: the first by Philip Savage of San Bernardino; second, by W. A. George of Loma Linda; third, by C. G. Hilliard of Redlands; and the last by F. E. Clough of San Bernardino.

After discussing this reel Doctor Clough correlated all four and threw the subject open to general discussion.

Refreshments were served at 10:30 o'clock. About sixty-five members were present.

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The meeting of February 3 was called to order by Dr. C. L. Curtiss, second vice-president, in the absence of the president and first vice-president.

Dr. F. H. Folkins acted as secretary in the absence of Dr. E. J. Eyttinge, secretary.

A letter from the Woodland Clinic relative to medical illustrating was read.

Another delegate and alternate were elected to the state meeting: Dr. Savage nominated Dr. Walter Pritchard as delegate, and Dr. Tisinger nominated Dr. D. B. Williams as alternate. These men were unanimously elected to these positions.

The following program was then given:

Chronic Constipation, by Dr. Roland Cummings of Los Angeles. Discussion opened by Dr. Charles Curtiss of Redlands.

Clinical Manifestations of Protozoa (motion pictures), by Dr. John Barrows of Los Angeles. Discussion opened by Dr. Alfred Roos of Loma Linda.

Refreshments were served at 10:20 p. m. About sixty members were present.

E. J. EYTINGE, *Secretary*.

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#### SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The stated meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock, January 8, in the Medico-Dental clubrooms at 242 North Sutter Street, Stockton.

The meeting was called to order by President Harry E. Kaplan, who introduced Dr. G. H. Rohrbacher, the newly elected president, and relinquished the chair to him.

The names of three new members were presented by the secretary: Doctor Haggerty by transfer and Vander Leek and Bautista by first application. President Rohrbacher announced the following committees by appointment:

Committee on Publicity—C. V. Thompson, Samuel Hanson, J. V. Craviotto.

Committee on Hospital Relations—Raymond T. McGurk, William P. J. Lynch, Jr., Barton Powell.

Committee on Bret Harte Relations—Percy B. Gallegos, Harry E. Kaplan, Herbert S. Chapman.

Committee on Legislation—Dewey Powell, John J. Sippy, Raymond T. McGurk.

Committee on Intelligence—Jesse W. Barnes, Charles D. Holliger, Thomas C. O'Connor, Jr.

Committee on Amendments—James F. Doughty, Abram Lee Van Meter, Nathan Powell Barbour.

Committee on Medico-Dental Collection Bureau—Linwood Dozier, Harry E. Kaplan, Barton Powell.

Committee on Public Policy and Legislation—Margaret Smyth, Hudson Smythe, Llewellyn R. Johnson.

Committee on Medical Economics—Fred F. Conzelman, Barton Powell, John F. Blinn.

The meeting was well attended, with William Kerr, M. D., of San Francisco and Doctors Kyddson and Vander Leek of Stockton as guests. The members present included Doctors Rohrbacher, Sutton, Barton Powell, Jr., Dozier, Kaplan, Chapman, Sanderson, Doughty, M. Smyth, Marnell, Thompson, Smithers, Haight, Hull, Broadus, Hanson, Gallegos, Barnes, Goodman, McGurk, and Owens.

The scientific paper of the evening was read by Doctor Kerr on the subject, "Recent Experimental Studies on Raynaud's Disease." (Published in February issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, page 91.)

Doctor Kerr summarized his paper as follows:

"A variety of Raynaud's disease has been studied. It is the form in which the digits become periodically pale or cyanotic, and in which, after several or many winters of repeated attacks, terminal portions of the digits may be lost by a process of slow, dry gangrene.

"Suggestions for a rational treatment are given on the basis of original observation, and results achieved



on a limited number of cases are mentioned. Further studies are being made in this direction. Certain frequently associated conditions are mentioned, and the application of this method of treatment to these and other disorders is proposed."

The paper was discussed or questions asked by Doctors Barbour, Barnes, Sheldon, Blackmun, and Thompson.

The second paper of the evening was read by Dr. Samuel Hanson on the subject, "Pasteurization of Breast Milk at a Low Temperature." The doctor stated that his method was conceived as the result of need for breast milk under urgent conditions which could not wait for a Wassermann blood test. He knew that the *Spirocheta pallida* was readily killed at temperatures as low as 105.8 degrees Fahrenheit after exposure for six hours. Therefore the milk is heated to 120 degrees Fahrenheit on a water bath for thirty minutes. This precludes the possibility of any spirochetes to survive. The method is not intended for routine treatment, but in cases where a Wassermann test is impractical or until it can be obtained.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 o'clock. Light refreshments were served at the close.

C. A. BROADDUS, *Secretary*.



#### SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society was held in the Bissell auditorium of the Cottage Hospital Monday afternoon, February 9, President H. J. Ullmann presiding.

The legality of the election of officers at the regular annual meeting being questioned, as the officers were elected by acclamation and not by secret ballot as required by the Constitution and By-Laws of the county society, it was deemed advisable to hold a reelection. Therefore ballots were distributed, and upon count it was found that the same officers were unanimously reelected.

The transfer card of Dr. Lela J. Beebe from Yolo-Colusa-Glenn County Society was read and upon balloting she was admitted to membership.

Doctor Ryan then raised the question as to the advisability of officers of the society being elected as delegates. This was discussed by several members and the president instructed the secretary to make inquiry of the State Association in this regard.

The president then read the list of various committees appointed for the ensuing year.

The president introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Francis Pottenger of Monrovia, who gave an extremely interesting and instructive address on the recent advances in tuberculosis, illustrated with x-ray films.

The paper was discussed and questions asked by Doctors Henderson, Freidell, Koefod, Ryan, Means, Markthaler, Shelton, Howard Eder, Pierce and Hunt.

WILLIAM H. EATON, *Secretary*.



#### SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The January meeting of the Santa Clara County Medical Association was held at O'Connor's Sanitarium in San Jose on the evening of February 18. A dinner preceded the meeting, which was called to order by Dr. C. M. Burchfiel, president, at 8:15 o'clock.

The following new members were admitted to the society: Doctors Joseph P. Schell, Anthony J. Monty, and John J. Bourn of San Jose; Richard E. Graun of Los Gatos.

The application for membership of the following doctors were referred to the Admission Committee: Dr. Phillip S. Haley and Dr. Milton A. Premo.

At the request of the county coroner the matter of the appointment of a county autopsy surgeon was opened for discussion.

The scientific program consisted of the following papers: "Lues of the Gastro-Intestinal Tract," by Dr. Merlin T. R. Maynard; "Angina Pectoris, Coronary Thrombosis with Myocardial Infarction," by Dr. L. M. Rose.

LUCAS W. EMPEY, *Assistant Secretary*.



#### SONOMA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Sonoma County Medical Society was held on January 22 at the Occidental Hotel, Santa Rosa, at 6:30 p. m. Twenty-two members attended. After a pleasing dinner the meeting was turned over to LeRoy Brooks, M. D., of San Francisco, who read a very interesting and instructive paper on "Ptosis of the Cecum and Ascending Colon—A Congenital Deformity Often Mistaken for Appendicitis." Lantern slides were shown. In addition, Doctor Brooks demonstrated the Brooks' tubes which he has devised for blood transfusion.

The business meeting was then called to order by President A. Morse Bowles.

The Legislative Committee appointed by the president consisted of Doctors Rogers (chairman), Seawell, and Lewis. Medical Economics Committee, Doctors Thompson (chairman), Carlson, and Wright.

The question of the County Tuberculosis Hospital was then brought up, and the discussion indicated the preference of a joint intercounty hospital with Solano and Lake counties and any others that might come in later. If this plan proved to be impossible, a tuberculosis hospital as a part of the County Hospital system was recommended. The construction of a new, modern County Hospital is now under consideration.

A motion was passed that the next meeting be held at Windsor Castle and that we celebrate the birthday of the Sonoma County Medical Society, which was organized in 1903.



The regular meeting of the Sonoma County Medical Society was held at Windsor Castle on February 12. The meeting was in the nature of a birthday party, this society having been organized in 1903 and in continuous existence for twenty-eight years.

Following a delicious dinner at 6:30 p. m., the members were entertained by several musical numbers provided by outside talent. Each member was supplied with a brightly colored paper hat and a horn, the noise from which added to the festivities. The birthday cake, adorned with twenty-eight lighted candles, was cut by Dr. Elizabeth Yates, who was the oldest member present and a charter member of the society.

A brief business meeting was then held, with Dr. A. Morse Bowles in the chair. Doctor Rogers talked about our next meeting, which is to be held on March 12 at the Sonoma Mission Inn and in conjunction with societies of the other north bay counties, at which Dr. Lyell C. Kinney, president of the California Medical Association, will meet with us and be the principal speaker.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the secretary be instructed to send flowers and a note of sympathy to Dr. R. E. Hamlin, who is confined in the Dante Sanitarium in San Francisco. His condition was reported to be improved.

The founding of the society was then appropriately celebrated by talks and reminiscences by several of the members. It was brought out that the Sonoma County Medical Society was organized October 21, 1903, by Dr. A. W. Morton, assisted by Doctors P. M. Jones and C. C. Kenyon. The following members were elected to office: Doctor Shearer, president; Doctor Jesse, vice-president; Doctor Mallory, secretary; and Doctor Stuart, treasurer. Charter members of the society included: Doctors Bonar, Crump, Fay, Ivancovich, Jesse, Herrick, Meneray, McLeod, Mal-

lory, McMullin, Stuart, Shearer, and Yates. Of these charter members, Doctors Meneray, McLeod, and Yates are still members of the society.

Doctor Sewall, although not a charter member, came in shortly afterward. He recalled the verbal fights that used to ensue, contrasting these to the more peaceful meetings of today. He also gave a description of his first automobile. On one occasion he pushed it for six blocks, merely because he forgot to turn on the switch.

Doctor Yates gave a vivid description of the earthquake and remarked about the large number of doctors who lost everything. There were many leg fractures among victims of the earthquake and a big majority of these occurred in the left leg.

Doctor Bogle also told of the earthquake and of one woman whose hair turned gray from the shock. Six physicians lost their offices and equipment in the fire, including Doctors Yates, Trachman, Stuart, Mallory, Jesse, and Bogle. In the reconstruction period many new faces as well as new buildings appeared, to change the appearance of the town.

Doctor McLeod told of his first coming to Santa Rosa and how he almost located in Bloomfield. The young members then are the old members now. He brought out the fact that seventeen members have died since the society was formed, and believes that graduates of today are much better prepared for the work. He sees especially better surgical training.

Doctor Thomson spoke of having to drive a horse and buggy from Sonoma to attend meetings, and told of the pleasure of driving the first automobile in Sonoma.

Doctor Shipley spoke of his birth in Cloverdale and of Doctor Boggs, who inspired him to study medicine. He also agrees with Doctor Sewall there was more opportunity for excitement in the society then than now.

Doctor Meneray spoke of the former difficulty of going up Fourth Street on account of the mud and told some of his early amusing experiences.

Doctor McAuley spoke of having started practice in Petaluma and later moving to San Francisco to assist Dr. Florence Ward. Quite recently she has again returned to Petaluma.

The following members were present to celebrate the occasion: Doctors Konttas, McAuley, Bowles, Yates, Bogle, Shipley, Burgess, Vierira, Rogers, Thomson, Thurlow, Ray, McLeod, Haskell, Meneray, Seawell, Marsh, Spear, Quarry, and Reiss. It was regretted that Dr. J. W. Clark, the oldest living member of the society, and still in practice, could not be present.

T. HUBERT REISS, *Secretary*.

## CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

### New Members

*Alameda County*—Thomas I. Buckley, Milton Parke Ream.

*Kern County*—Roscoe Lee Zieber.

#### *Los Angeles*—

Edward W. Alsberge	Arthur Adolph Kirchner
Albert Arkush	Henry B. Lemere
Lyle C. Bacon	William C. Lucas
Finis G. Cooper	Robert George Majer
James C. Doyle	Thomas W. Nisbet
Charles Warren DuBois	Louis J. Regan
Carl Feldman	Edmund T. Remmen
Virgil Luther Fisher	David R. Robbins
Roy Collins Gilliland	Mary A. Ross
Percy Goldberg	Hobart P. Shattuck
Maurice W. Gumpert	Donald Charles Shelby
Channing Ward Hale	Frank M. Shirk
Lewis William Harding	Ferris Wilson Thompson
Walter A. Hodges	Leon J. Tiber
Kenneth Paul Jones	Emil Wind

*Napa County*—Arvill Elsworth Chappell, Alexander H. McLeish.

*San Bernardino County*—Xenophon Olsen.

*San Francisco County*—Ernest F. Gianotti, Matthew Emery Hazeltine, Leon Ocel Parker, Oluf Andreason Ring, Melvin Ralph Somers.

*San Joaquin County*—Barton Jerome Powell, Jr.

*Santa Clara County*—Margaret Lamson, Bertha Shedd Mason, Paul Theron Pace, Newell Linton Moore, Eugene Wendel Mullen.

*Solano County*—Edward Francis Mullaly.

*Stanislaus County*—Harold Powers Muller, Francis Harold Downing.

### Resignations

Olga Bridgman, Paul Castelhun, Louis P. Howe, F. P. Canac-Marquis, Amy C. Stevens, Arthur H. White, all from San Francisco County.

### Transferred

Henry A. Brown, from San Francisco to Alameda County.

William E. Carter, from San Francisco to Alameda County.

Robert O. Le Baron, from Santa Clara to Mendocino County.

Smith McMullin, from Sacramento to Yuba-Sutter County.

Robert A. Steven, from Alameda to San Francisco County.

H. Walter Stirewalt, from San Francisco to Contra Costa.

### Deaths

**Cowden, Ambrose Franklin.** Died at Santa Cruz, February 18, 1931, age 52 years. Graduate of University of California Medical School, San Francisco, 1905. Licensed in California, 1905. Doctor Cowden was a member of the Santa Cruz County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Cunningham, Benjamin Frazier.** Died at Paso Robles, February 8, 1931, age 61 years. Graduate of Harvard University Medical School, Boston, 1894. Licensed in California, 1919. Doctor Cunningham was a member of the San Luis Obispo County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Keck, Frederick Charles.** Died at San Francisco, February 16, 1931, age 66 years. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1894. Licensed in California, 1895. Doctor Keck was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

**McGettigan, Charles D.** Died at San Francisco, January 23, 1931, age 58 years. Graduate of the University of California Medical School, San Francisco, 1896. Licensed in California, 1896. Doctor McGettigan was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Wilbur, Hubert Granville.** Died at Long Beach, January 25, 1931, age 72 years. Graduate of Harvard University Medical School, Boston, 1890. Licensed in California, 1920. Doctor Wilbur was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Woolsey, Mark Hopkins.** Died at San Francisco, January 28, 1931, age 67 years. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1890. Licensed in California, 1890. Doctor Woolsey was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

## THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION\*

### Official Notice

To the Officers and Members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the California Medical Association:

It is hard to realize that the official year of the state auxiliary will soon come to a close at the annual meeting in San Francisco, April 27 to 30.

Your state officers are looking forward with keen interest to meeting you all again. We have confident assurance that every woman attending, whether already a member or not, will feel the cordiality and friendliness of the auxiliary. It has been demonstrated that congenial friendships and sympathetic understandings have already come from contacts made through the auxiliary and that these ripen and deepen as we know more of each other.

We want to urge every member to contribute her share to the success of the meeting by an enthusiastic greeting to every other woman in attendance at the California Medical Association convention. Let us see that each one present is made to feel that we are all interested in her personal welfare and, as well, in the professional side of her home life.

The history of the auxiliary is that wives now look forward in eager anticipation to these sessions and accompany their husbands who sometimes heretofore have stayed away because it meant only a few lonely days for their wives.

Furthermore, some interesting features in our development will be scheduled. All members should know what the state organization has been and is trying to do. This is the only way we can cooperate and coordinate, the two most important words in our lexicon.

The county units are the center or hub of the state and national auxiliaries and make the laws upon which these operate, so we again urge all members who possibly can to be present at all meetings. All members have a voice on the floor and we assure you the program will not be dull. Mrs. Thomas A. Stoddard, second vice-president, is convention chairman.

The question, "What are we to do after being organized" has best been answered by, "If you will just stay organized until the time comes when you shall be needed, you will have accomplished a great deal." If only we impress upon the minds of those we meet in daily contacts the necessity of understanding every legislative bill before voting upon it, much good will be simply and easily consummated.

Letters have been recently sent to all county presidents asking assistance in raising a "drought fund" by contributing 10 per cent of their annual dues and as much more as they may wish to raise, to be used for medical supplies and gasoline for the physicians in the stricken areas who can no longer afford to carry on their humanitarian work. This emergency promises to be a practical matter for a long time. Surely here is a bit of philanthropy that should reach our hearts. We have asked the national president to have it suggested to each state organization.

Be sure that your district is represented by a counselor. This is not only your right but your duty.

With pleasant anticipations of what I am sure is to be a glorious meeting.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

(MRS.) JAMES F. PERCY,  
State President.

\* As county auxiliaries to the Woman's Auxiliary of the California Medical Association are formed, the names of officers should be forwarded to the state secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Dexter R. Ball, 2419 Bonnie Brae Street, Santa Ana, and to the California Medical Association office, Room 2004, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed for publication in this column.

### Orange County

Forty-nine members joined the auxiliary in 1930, of whom forty were charter members.

Ninety-six dollars was paid into the treasury. Expenditures were \$64.80 of which \$39 were for state and national dues and \$25.80 for current expenses, leaving a balance of \$31.20 in the treasury at the end of the year.

In regard to the work accomplished, programs furthering health education and discussions of current medical discoveries were given at the meetings. Flowers were sent to sick members and friendly visits made upon them. The social half hours after the business meetings were a source of enjoyment to all the members.

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The February meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Orange County Medical Association was held on February 3 at the home of Dr. Margaret Baker, with Mrs. R. S. Wade and Mrs. K. H. Sutherland assisting hostesses. Mrs. Coulter presided. After the routine business Mrs. A. C. Robbins discussed "Ventriculin," the new specific for pernicious anemia.

Doctor Sutherland, health officer for Orange County, read a paper which he had given before the meeting of the California Tuberculosis Association held in Los Angeles in January. He spoke of the necessity of early diagnosis of tuberculosis and of routine physical examinations. He outlined the work which the Orange County health department is doing in the prevention of tuberculosis: examination of school children in the second and fifth grades; conducting a clinic once a month for the benefit of the indigent; and education of contacts by visiting them in their homes. As most of the cases are among Mexicans (400 per 100,000 to 47 whites per 100,000) the county carries the work of health education into the Americanization classes by showing films and giving radio talks once a month on the prevention of tuberculosis.

Mrs. D. R. Ball suggested that the auxiliary make a donation to the American Red Cross. After some discussion regarding the amount, the motion was carried to devote \$20 of the money in the treasury to that purpose.

JESSIE Q. RAITT, *Secretary.*

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### Los Angeles County

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Los Angeles County Medical Association held its regular meeting Thursday afternoon, February 19, in the Friday Morning Club House, Los Angeles, with a large attendance.

Mrs. Philip Schuyler Doane, newly elected president, presided. She paid high tribute to our former president, Mrs. James Percy, now state president. Mrs. Doane gave us many helpful suggestions, indelibly stamped with her own unique, sparkling wit.

The speakers of the afternoon were: Dr. Edward Huntington Williams and Dr. T. F. Joyce, superintendent of the State Narcotic Hospital at Spadra.

Doctor Williams emphasized the importance of everyone, particularly those interested in public welfare, understanding that drug addiction is a disease. Also, that, as a disease, it should be under the direct control of physicians, not in the hands of laymen as it is at present in most places. He pointed out the possibilities of help by the Woman's Auxiliary in this work, and paid tribute to Doctor Joyce for his success in handling the patients under his care at the Spadra institution.

Doctor Joyce gave an interesting presentation of the methods employed at Spadra in the treatment of drug addicts, particularly the methods of rehabilitating the patients once the immediate effect of the extensive use of the drug had been eliminated.

Doctor Williams, in his address, referred to the high percentage of recoveries at Spadra and stressed the point that it was the ability and the personality of Doctor Joyce himself, more than any one thing, that should be credited for this showing.

The names of the delegates to the state meeting were presented and acted upon unanimously by the members.

A tea served by the Pasadena and South Pasadena members followed. The tables were decorated with huge bowls of colorful blossoms.

A special meeting will be held on March 12 in the Friday Morning Club House, Los Angeles.

CORA YOUNG WILLIAMS,  
Publicity Chairman.

### Panoramic View of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association

According to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Auxiliary to the American Medical Association the organization program is carried on by the active work of the vice-presidents. Mrs. Southgate Leigh of Norfolk, Virginia, is first vice-president and automatically chairman of organization. Due to her location on the map, the second vice-president finds herself interested in the destinies of the north central group of states.

Looking backward with pleasant memories to Detroit and forward with delightful anticipations to Philadelphia, we find this group of states all doing something of common interest.

In the January journal of the Indiana Medical Society, the auxiliary president stresses the importance of more constructive work on the part of her organized county groups. "Physicians' wives," she says, in her New Year's address, "hold an enviable position in being privileged to have a part in a world-wide health program, and I would urge every physician's wife to bring before other women *dependable* knowledge, and a just appreciation of the real spirit and purpose and actual achievements of the medical profession." So from Indiana we know we are to have constructive work during this year. Physicians as a class are not prone to participate in legislative matters, but when four distinctly separate bills which affect the profession directly are presented during one session of a state's legislature, it is time to be up and doing.

Such is Indiana's situation this year, and the doctors of the seventh district have thought it worth while to *instruct* their auxiliary members on these subjects that their influence may be properly used. The Indiana journal never fails to give the auxiliary space, and it is little wonder the Indiana women are up and coming, when they have such editorial notes to enlighten and guide them in their constructive program work, as one finds in this same journal.

Kansas is slowly getting a few things accomplished. A world-wide depression has rendered prophets quite fameless abroad as well as at home, but the doctor's wife in Kansas is coming into her own, and we prophesy that the auxiliary will climb to the top, due to the indomitable spirit of the leaders in that state.

In Illinois the motto might well read, "Builders we are and builders we must ever be. Builders, not in stone that shelters life, but builders in life." We find good constructive programs, of well-balanced educational value; we find a journal ever ready to broadcast auxiliary news; and best of all, we find a healthy organization line-up and an advisory board from their medical society. Several of their county groups are having their members get busy with the Health Audit program.

One project of worthy mention comes from Vermillion County on the eastern boundary of the state. The county auxiliary put on the Health Institute in Danville last November. A member from every

agency in the county working out any kind of a health program was included in the personnel of the speakers. It was for just one day, but it was worth three hundred and sixty-five as a rouser for auxiliary work. It really was sort of a Christmas seal campaign opening, a get-together of clubwomen, and Parent-Teacher Association groups in the county. And what a wise idea for a medical auxiliary to have the headlines in the plans for such a Health Day.

Wisconsin, Iowa, and South Dakota are among the latest states to join the national auxiliary. Organization is the keynote for their work, and the national study envelopes are offered as program material. Right now if the modern doctor's wife needs to get one thing more than another from her organization, it is the knowledge of what is going on in this world; especially the world of medicine. Women are discriminating more carefully in the clubs they are joining. They are asking what membership will mean to them, what they will get out of it. For that reason the subjects for study should be more carefully chosen, and the roll call should be made to count for something more than jokes and quotations from forgotten poets. It is not a pleasant feeling for a busy mother who rides miles to a meeting to say when it is all over, "I can't say I know any more now than when I started." And so we find these three states getting themselves established on a firm foundation, with the national program envelopes scattered far and wide to aid and encourage auxiliary members already in, and prospective members.

Montana and North Dakota are debating pro and con, but as Mrs. Hoxie said in her Detroit report, "I believe it will be a mistake from now on to organize a new state unless it appears reasonably certain that there is interest enough among the doctors who want the auxiliary, so they will foster it and stand back of it." And so we leave Montana half-hearted about forming an auxiliary, and North Dakota in the air.

We find Michigan giving intelligent coöperation with state and county officials. Women, like men, are interested in the improvement of civic affairs and healthful living, and are realizing that they need to be armed with a definite knowledge of health laws and public health practices.

Missouri is in a very healthy condition. We find that Mrs. A. B. McGlothlin, the president-elect of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association, will attend President Hoover's White House Conference for Child Health and Protection to be held in Washington, D. C., February 19 to 21. Mrs. G. H. Hoxie, the president for last year, will also attend the White House conference.

Mrs. A. W. McAlester tells us the women of Missouri are finding the study envelopes, published by the Education Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association, most interesting and instructive. The studies on "Common Defects in Children," and on "Diphtheria," "Smallpox" and "Typhoid Fever" were recommended by the department of health in the Missouri branch, National Congress of Parents and Teachers for use on Parent-Teacher programs. Eight hundred copies of each were distributed for use in Parent-Teacher units. Three hundred were requested and supplied for use in parent education classes. Requests are constantly coming in for additional copies of the studies for use by teachers and Parent-Teacher units. The department of public information of the Extension Division of the University of Missouri is including these studies in its suggested programs for clubs in the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs and Parent-Teacher Association programs. This department requested back numbers of *Hygeia* for use in such programs. Three hundred copies of *Hygeia* were supplied by women in the state and by the circulation manager, and are being extensively used in club programs. The Missouri chairman of Public Relations is planning to have a copy of each of the studies,

"Common Defects in Children" and "Communicable Disease Control," sent to each county school superintendent in the state. Several of the county auxiliaries are using the study envelopes in their programs.

Mrs. M. P. Overholser of Harrisonville, Missouri, has been appointed chairman of Public Relations in the Missouri auxiliary. This auxiliary maintains a scholarship for a medical student, per capita quotas being assigned to each county auxiliary.

They also have sent in 30 per cent of the total number of *Hygeia* subscriptions recorded from all auxiliaries from January 1, 1930 to January 1, 1931. Some county auxiliaries provide *Hygeia* for all their teachers. Among these are Buchanan, Gentry, and Lafayette. Cape Girardeau County Auxiliary has just finished paying a \$1000 pledge to a hospital in the city, and is now ready for another kind of work. They are a live group and certainly work hard to be able to accomplish so many wonderful worthwhile things.

Minnesota, the North Star State, has had a busy and successful year on organization. The president and organization chairman have visited over the state and planned meetings and educational programs with many county groups. In October the International Medical Assembly met in Minneapolis, and at this time the Hennepin County Auxiliary celebrated its twentieth anniversary by being hostess for five days to the visiting doctors' wives. A great many social affairs and an Educational Day, which included a speaker on public health, were features. Hennepin County is having a year with a definite program. Each month a speaker is scheduled, and one meeting during the year is reciprocity day and each auxiliary in the state is invited to send visitors. This group feature philanthropic work for tuberculous patients at Glen Lake and do much for the library at the sanatorium. They have helped the medical society furnish their library and clubrooms, spending \$1000.

Ramsey County does much the same work. They have a Scholarship Fund for medical students. St. Louis County is noted for work in the Public Relations field. The state medical journal gives a page to auxiliary news. One of the other counties takes care of a Nurses' Scholarship. The Minnesota auxiliary has a splendid advisory board and a page in the state journal. The president will be one of the speakers on the program for the annual conference of secretaries of the component societies of the Minnesota State Medical Association to be held in St. Paul the first week in February. This is the first time the auxiliary has been asked to take part in this annual affair. Mrs. Hesselgrave's talk will be, "Uses of the Auxiliary."

And so closing my review of the work of the north central group of states, may I say again, builders we are and builders we must ever be; builders, not in stone that shelters life, but builders in life itself, ever remembering the future of the world for generations to come depends upon what we think and will and do today.

Mrs. JAMES BLAKE.

## NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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### ANNUAL SESSION OF THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

#### First Scientific Meeting

**Call to Order.**—The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Nevada State Medical Association was held at Reno September 26 and 27, 1930. The meet-

ing was called to order by President W. A. Shaw at 10 a. m. The president's address of welcome was followed by the scientific program.

Papers were presented by:

George R. Magee, Yerington, on "Relapsing Fever." Discussed by D. S. Pulford, W. H. Hood, P. R. Bowdish, and R. V. Schofield.

Stanley H. Mentzer, San Francisco, on "New Methods in the Technique of Cholecystectomy." Discussed by C. F. Dixon, J. P. Kerby, D. S. Pulford, C. E. Piersall, and Horace J. Brown.

D. Schuyler Pulford, Woodland, California, on "Benzol Poisoning—A Report of a Case Simulating Aplastic Anemia and Hemorrhagic Purpura." Discussed by G. R. Magee.

Ralph A. Bowdle, East Ely, on "Spinal Anesthesia." Discussed by R. P. Roantree, M. A. Robison, F. D. Spencer, S. H. Mentzer, and R. V. Schofield.

Benjamin Jablons, New York City, on "Hypertension." Discussed by S. K. Morrison, D. A. Turner, F. D. Spencer, A. Huffaker, and T. W. Bath.

#### First Business Meeting

**Reading of Minutes.**—On motion made and seconded, the reading of the minutes of the last annual session was dispensed with.

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**New Members.**—The following were elected to membership: Z. A. d'Amours, F. R. Mildren, R. W. Martin, R. Balcom, N. A. Michelena, J. N. Van Meter, J. Vander Meulen, Las Vegas, Nevada; E. E. Hinckley, Ely, Nevada; D. J. Hurley, Eureka, Nevada; P. R. Bowdish, H. B. Perry, Reno, Nevada; George F. Pierrot, Goldfield, Nevada; George H. Ross, Virginia City, Nevada; Noah Smirnoff, McGill, Nevada; R. J. Sewall, Hawthorne, Nevada; R. L. Taylor, Kimberly, Nevada.

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#### Committee Reports:

**Necrology.**—On motion of M. A. Robison, seconded by D. A. Turner, resolutions of respect were authorized to be sent to the families of Alexander McIntyre and Halle L. Hewetson, both deceased.

**Military Affairs.**—T. W. Bath, chairman, read the report of the Committee on Military Affairs.

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**Charters.**—The Clark County Medical Society was granted a charter on motion of R. A. Bowdle, seconded by W. L. Samuels.

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**Honorary Members.**—It was moved by Horace J. Brown, seconded by D. A. Turner, and passed, that all visiting essayists be made honorary members and that the secretary notify each of them.

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**Resolutions Read from Minnesota State Medical Association.**—The secretary read a communication from the Minnesota State Medical Association's Committee on Military Affairs. Moved by D. A. Turner, seconded by Horace J. Brown, and carried, that a similar resolution be drawn by this Association and copies sent to the proper officers.

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#### Resolutions Adopted by the Nevada State Medical Association:

##### 1. Resolution on Military Affairs.

Whereas, The present army regulations require that every reserve officer shall, during each five-year commission period, put in two hundred (200) hours military work in camp, correspondence school, inactive training meetings, or similar military activity, or else become ineligible for renewal of his commission with assignment to an organized reserve unit, and therefore revert to the "auxiliary reserve" in time of peace; and

Whereas, There are many highly trained, highly skilled and very active physicians who, as reserve officers, have been assigned as chiefs and assistant

chiefs of surgical, medical, laboratory, roentgen and other distinctly professional services in organized reserve hospital units, carrying very little administrative responsibility, and whose professional duties in busy private lives make them especially well fitted for their duties in their army assignments, but whose same duties make it practically impossible for them to carry on military work in time of peace; and

Whereas, Many of these men and their valuable attainments are being lost to the organized reserve, although they are willing and anxious to serve in time of need and do not aspire to advancement in grade; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Nevada State Medical Association, desiring that the medical profession may be of the greatest service to our country, respectfully suggests that the service might be enhanced if the regulations were changed to provide for recommission and reassignment of chiefs and assistant chiefs of professional services of hospital units even though they have not completed the required amount of military work; and further, be it

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the surgeon and the commanding general of the Ninth Corps Area, the surgeon general, the officer in charge of reserve affairs, the adjutant general, and the chief of staff of the United States Army.

## 2. Resolution on Food Fads.

Whereas, Much misinformation is promulgated today concerning the question of diets, thus causing the introduction of food fads, very few of which can take the place of the older staple foods; and

Whereas, Any balanced diet should contain animal protein, fruits, vegetables (especially the leafy vegetables), and the better grades of bread prepared from flour which will insure adequate vitamin and mineral salt content, digestible fat (such as butter fat), and sufficient of the digestible carbohydrates to afford readily available energy; and

Whereas, The allegation that white bread, meat, or any other staple food, when employed in mixed diet is responsible for certain grave illnesses, is not supported by scientific facts; therefore be it

Resolved, That we desire, in the public interest to place on record that, in our opinion:

1. The exaggerated claims for various fad foods are unwarranted by scientific evidence or practical experience; and the advertising and other propaganda furthering their substitution for the older articles of diet should be condemned.

2. The danger of nutritional deficiencies has been grossly exaggerated. No one food is a perfect food; but a diet consisting of dairy products, leafy vegetables, fruits, meats, and easily digested starches furnishes an excess of all food factors necessary for proper growth and nutrition and resistance to disease.

3. Any variation from a normal diet should be prescribed only by a properly trained physician after a careful study of the dietary requirements of the individual seeking advice.

Adopted by the Nevada State Medical Society at their annual session assembled at Bowers Mansion, Nevada, September 26, 1930.

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**Military Record.**—Moved by Horace J. Brown, seconded by D. A. Turner, that the Committee on Military Affairs be continued and that this committee be instructed to keep a record of the qualifications for military service of the physicians of Nevada State.

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**Election of Officers.**—The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President-elect, A. C. Olmsted, Wells; first vice-president, E. E. Hamer, Carson City; second vice-president, W. H. Frolich, East Ely; secretary-treasurer, Horace J. Brown, Reno; trustee for three years, S. K. Morrison, Reno; trustee for two years, W. L. Samuels, Reno.

**Nineteen Thirty-Two Meeting Place.**—On invitation of the White Pine County Medical Society, Ely was selected as the meeting place for the next annual meeting.

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**Adjournment.**—There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. September 27.

## Second Scientific Meeting

**Call to Order.**—The second scientific meeting of the annual session of the Nevada State Medical Society was called to order by the president at 9:35 a. m. September 27, 1930, at Bowers Mansion, Reno. After the reading of several telegrams the scientific program followed:

C. F. Dixon, Rochester, Minnesota, spoke on "The Clinical and Surgical Aspects of Diseases of the Biliary Tract." This paper was discussed by S. H. Mentzer, S. K. Morrison, Horace J. Brown, and C. E. Piersall.

Albert H. Rowe, Oakland, discussed "The Treatment of Bronchial Asthma" and Edward Matzger, San Francisco, spoke on "Seasonal Hay Fever and Seasonal Asthma—A Preventable Disease." These papers were discussed by J. A. Fuller, B. Jablons, R. S. Tillotson, D. S. Pulford, A. Huffaker, and P. R. Bowdish.

James T. Watkins, San Francisco, talked on "The Treatment of Severe Flexion Deformities of Hip and Knee Following Neglected Infantile Paralysis." C. F. Dixon and T. W. Bath discussed Doctor Watkins' article.

## Second Business Meeting

**Introduction of New President.**—Dr. R. P. Roantree of Elko was introduced by W. A. Shaw, and took his seat as president.

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**Condolences to Injured Members.**—The new president, after a few well-chosen remarks, appointed M. A. Robison a committee of one to convey messages of sympathy to B. H. Caples and W. G. Hunter, both of whom are suffering from injuries sustained in automobile accidents.

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**Adjournment.**—There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Members in attendance at various times during the meeting: Ralph A. Bowdle, Horace J. Brown, P. R. Bowdish, Thomas W. Bath, Anna De Chenne, E. L. Creveling, John A. Fuller, Arthur Grover, F. H. Harrison, W. H. Hood, A. Huffaker, D. J. Hurley, E. E. Hamer, A. J. Hood, Dwight L. Hood, Arthur E. Landers, G. R. Magee, S. K. Morrison, V. A. Muller, A. C. Olmsted, H. B. Perry, C. E. Piersall, R. P. Roantree, George H. Ross, M. A. Robison, J. T. Rees, George L. Servoss, W. A. Shaw, Harry W. Sawyer, W. L. Samuels, G. R. Smith, A. L. Stadtherr, D. A. Turner, M. R. Walker, and C. W. West.

Honorary members and visitors also present during the meeting: E. Benjamin, Foster J. Curtis, Dan Coll, C. F. Dixon, W. Henderson, Albert Harris, Benjamin Jablons, James P. Kerby, Edward Matzger, Stanley H. Mentzer, Kaspar Pischell, D. Pulford, Albert Rowe, Noah Rouse, R. R. Rosell, R. Schofield, F. D. Spencer, Richard Travers, J. P. Tuttle, R. S. Tillotson, James Thom, James Watkins, R. Woolsey, and J. Wright.

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**Report of Military Committee on Military Affairs.** In casting about for an appropriate subject upon which to report, after a retrospect of thirty years, most of which time your chairman has been connected with the United States Army, either in active or reserve service, the following subject of "Pre-



paredness of the Medical Profession of the United States for the Event of War" has been chosen as pertinent for this occasion.

Including the Revolutionary War the United States has been engaged, in its one hundred and fifty-four years of independence, in six major wars.

One hundred and fifty-four years ago our forefathers believed that the United States was an isolated country, as we had no enemy contacts north or south, and separated from Europe by the Atlantic, we would be in no danger from invasion. But one and one-half century has so changed the world's condition that but few days are now required to cross the Atlantic, as compared with thirty to forty days' sailing time in the days of the Revolution. Our national policy handed down to us by our forefathers has been one of faith in our creative ability to rapidly organize an army or navy for offense or defense. The sad fallacy of an inadequate military force was never better illustrated than during the days of the Civil War. If the Federal Government had a regular army of seventy-five thousand trained and equipped troops, one of two things would have resulted: either secession would have been nipped in the bud, or the Civil War would have ended after the first battle.

This lack of preparation in military and naval affairs, so far as it pertains to the fighting personnel, is just as true with reference to the military medical personnel.

Experience both in the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, and the World War has shown that in time of war emergency the medical personnel is inadequate to the needs of the emergencies by reason of one outstanding fact. The lack of proper selection of physicians, surgeons, dentists, and laboratory technicians in peace times.

Just after the United States entered the World War a prominent writer for the *Saturday Evening Post* declared that now things were going to be done right for once in the military history of the United States. His words were: "A square peg for a square hole." Those of us medical officers who served either at home or abroad in the World War know, and know with humiliation, that whoever it was that directed the placing of the medical personnel knew that it was about a fifty-fifty break that square pegs were set in round holes and round pegs in square holes. Hence the object of this paper, based as we have said on an experience in three foreign campaigns, is to offer some reasonable suggestions to the War Department to assist in placing square pegs in square holes.

The procedure would be as follows: At the annual meeting of the various state medical societies, let there be a military committee appointed who will have charge of the medical military affairs of their respective states. In larger states this committee could have as many submilitary committees appointed as needed, but all committees or subcommittees must have a personal knowledge of the professional fitness of every man. This means that he must be of military age, of sound health, not a drug addict, drunkard or professional poker player. We have had personal and bitter experience with all three types and know that they are absolutely worthless for military duty.

Further, the professional qualifications, as stated above, should be known to every member. If you open the American Medical Directory, on almost any page you see men who have listed themselves as surgeons, urologists, gynecologists, and internists, whom you know have absolutely no right to make such claims, as they never have had any training, either theoretical or practical, which would entitle them to delegate such honors to themselves.

Now in order to complete the list of available men with their qualifications, the list should be compiled and passed upon every year by the Military Committee of the state medical society. When approved by the state society a copy of the same should be forwarded to the surgeon-general's office through military channels.

Now in the event of war, what would occur? Would the surgeon-general be up in the air, so to speak, in order to be able to secure the main supply of medical men from civil life? No. With the medical personnel of the regular army, the National Guard and the Reserve Corps, the first and immediate emergency has been cared for. But these three branches of the service being inadequate, all the surgeon-general or secretary of the navy would need to do would be to get in touch with the Military Committee of each state. The surgeon-general, with the open list before him, could feel the assurance that available men for special work were there ready to serve upon call.

The average medical man knows nothing of military affairs, but the executive work could and would be directed by the regular establishment.

This brief outline will, we believe, convince you that the medical profession of the country would show a willingness to cooperate intelligently with the Government in rendering an important aid for rapid mobilization.

Now the next thing is, if this report has any value, to have this society continue this committee and let the chairman correspond with the secretary of every state medical society and endeavor to secure their approval of this measure. Then the various committees can report to the American Medical Association or see that the American Medical Association appoints a similar committee. Then we can work as an intelligent unit. Otherwise we will, as the Britishers say, "Muddle through it somehow."

Your chairman is only suggesting those things which will come in some form or other in the next war. Already the American Legion has approved and urged upon Congress the principles of universal draft, which will apply to every able-bodied man of military age.

We hope you will approve of this report, as we think it is a step in the right direction, for as citizens of the glorious republic, if our country is good enough for us to live in, it is worth fighting for.

## COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

### WASHOE COUNTY

The Washoe County Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting in the Nevada State Building on the evening of February 10. In the absence of Doctor Creveling, president, Dr. M. A. Robinson occupied the chair.

After the usual routine of business was finished, the program for the evening, a symposium on the subject of pneumonia, was opened. It had been the intention of the Program Committee that the program for the evening should consist of about eight papers; the papers to be limited to about seven minutes each. Two of the members failed to appear by reason of the professional business of this season of the year being extraordinarily heavy. Dr. Arthur Grover, pathologist at St. Mary's Hospital, read a brief paper on the "Bacteriology and Pathology of Pneumonia." Dr. Dan Coll of Susanville, who traveled nearly one hundred miles to be present at this meeting, read a paper on "Complications of Lobar Pneumonia." Doctor Thom of Carson City read a paper on "Surgical and Traumatic Pneumonia." Doctor Weldon read a paper on the "Treatment of Pneumonia"; Doctor DaCosta gave a paper on the "Use of Oxygen in Pneumonia"; and Doctor Piersall showed a number of x-ray pictures dealing with the visual aspects of pneumonia. These papers were all excellently prepared. It would be invidious to draw comparisons, as every speaker showed that he had thoroughly studied the subject, both from the point of books and from the point of experience.

Some of the main points developed were, that while dwellers by the sea coast frequently remarked upon the high incidence of pneumonia near the sea,

those who live in the mountain plateaus, as the area of Reno comprises, are apt to think that the death rate in the high altitudes is greater than in other places. However, such is not the case. The statistical survey of pneumonia is similar to that compiled for the epidemic of the flu, with reference to its severity. In some years, the type of pneumonia seems to be very fatal; such has been the case in Reno and vicinity for the past winter. If it had been possible to make bacteriological cultures to determine the type, it might possibly be that we could determine the type, but we would be on the threshold of despair with reference to suggesting a cure. It has been the experience of practitioners during the mild epidemic of pneumonia during this winter that individuals over forty years of age rarely survive, and that the drinking man can count upon an early entrance into Paradise, in usually from three to five days.

It is the belief of the Nevada profession that, as near as could be judged from clinical aspects, coupled with what bacteriological work that has been done, including a few postmortems that have been held, we have encountered all of the four types of pneumonia as described in textbooks. True bronchial pneumonia is, in the beginning, difficult to diagnose by the usual clinical manifestations. In many instances it has turned out to be a true lobar pneumonia, as confirmed by postmortem and examination.

In the discussion it was brought out that everything that had ever been used in antigens and vaccine had been given a trial, with the exception of diathermy. It is hoped that our present hospitals will be able to install a diathermic outfit whereby hospitalized patients can be treated by this type of therapy in the future.

There were sixteen members present.

THOMAS W. BATH, *Secretary*.

#### NEVADA NEWS

The Elko County Medical Society met on January 13 and elected the following officers for 1931: H. Earl Belnap, president; C. E. Secor, vice-president; John E. Worden, secretary-treasurer; J. R. Eby, council.

The staff of the Elko General Hospital met on January 13 and elected the following officers: W. A. Shaw, chief of staff; R. P. Roantree, vice chief of staff; John E. Worden, secretary.

Ralph A. Bowdle, East Ely, is convalescing following an operation for hernia.

Nestor A. Michelena has moved from Las Vegas to Los Angeles.

H. B. Perry has moved from Reno to Virginia City, where he has accepted the appointment as county physician for Storey County.

## UTAH STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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#### OFFICIAL NOTICE

On February 3 the Utah State Medical Association went on the air for short health talks of five minutes' duration twice weekly.

It is hoped that this effort to broadcast subjects of interest to the public without mention of any subject-matter beyond mere facts pertaining to disease and its control, may prove of benefit.

The material broadcast is being furnished by members of the state association and by the radio service of the American Medical Association.

It is desired at this time to invite any member of the state association who is interested, to write papers on timely subjects for use in this work. They will be welcomed by the State Committee on Public Health, under which committee the work has been undertaken.

For the information of those who may desire to contribute to the programs, the following three suggestions are printed:

1. Papers shall be not less than 600 nor more than 700 words in length.

2. Write in plain language; avoid scientific terms as far as possible. Remember you are talking to the people, not scientists.

3. Papers should be typewritten or plainly written on one side of paper only, and double spaced.

We will welcome such papers. Address them to State Medical Association Radio Program, 701 Medical Arts Building, Salt Lake City.

## COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

### BOX ELDER COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Box Elder County Medical Society was held at Brigham on January 8. Dinner at the Paris Grill preceded the meeting. Those present were: Doctors Mahannah, Pearse, Weymuller, Cooley, Luke, and Betensen. As this was a regular business meeting no paper was read.

A communication was sent to the Board of Education, giving the details of the examination of school children by the society for the board.

The association went on record as not in favor of making an assessment for the decoration and maintenance of the medical salon in Pershing Hall in Paris.

It was decided to notify principals and athletic coaches that from now on the society members would charge regular prices for medical and surgical work done for the schools.

The meeting was adjourned until February 12. The meeting was held at Garland.

R. A. PEARSE, *Secretary*.

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### SALT LAKE COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was held at the Newhouse Hotel on Monday evening, January 12.

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 o'clock by President F. M. McHugh. One hundred and four members and one visitor were present. Dr. F. H. Raley acted as temporary secretary.

Dr. J. P. Tuttle addressed the society upon "Prostatitis and Referred Pain." This paper was discussed by Dr. R. Friel (upon invitation) and Dr. L. N. Ossman.

The postponed report of the Fee Schedule Committee was read by the secretary, and Doctor Kerby moved that it be filed. Motion seconded and carried.

Dr. D. G. Edmans gave a report of a meeting of the various representatives of professions and trades licensed under the Department of Registration. He stated that the taxes levied by the Department of Registration went into the general state fund and that a much smaller budget was voted biennially.

Dr. J. C. Brown moved that Dr. A. A. Kerr be made an honorary member. Motion seconded and carried.

The application of Dr. Ray J. Friel was read and turned over to the board of censors.

Dr. Ray Woolsey discussed the plan of informing the public over the radio that regular members of the Salt Lake County Medical Society were listed on the front page of the telephone book. He moved that it be the sense of the society that such radio announcements that were necessary regarding this subject be

left to the judgment of the president. Motion seconded. This was discussed by Doctors L. Paul, F. M. McHugh, B. E. Bonar, C. J. Albaugh, C. M. Benedict, and J. Z. Brown. Dr. L. N. Ossman amended a motion to the effect that the society should not use the broadcasting time of any commercial establishment for this purpose. Amendment seconded and motion carried.

Dr. Ray Woolsey spoke on hourly nursing and mentioned the fact that the official nurses' register could supply hourly nursing.

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The regular meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was held on Monday evening, January 26, at Holy Cross Hospital. Fifty-three members and five visitors were present. President F. M. McHugh called the meeting to order at 8 o'clock.

The following clinical program was presented: "Megacolon," by B. E. Bonar; "Splenomegaly," by T. W. Stevenson; "Pellagra," by J. W. Sugden; "Uroselectan," by J. P. Kerby and W. G. Schulte.

The applications of Dr. Charles C. Goldthorp and Dr. Charles C. Johnson were read and referred to the board of censors.

Dr. J. C. Brown moved that the Committee on Public Health and Legislation become active during the public hearings held in regard to pending legislation on the state income tax. Motion seconded and carried.

Dr. C. L. Shields stated that the Committee on Economics was to send a questionnaire regarding the advisability of the county society organizing a collection bureau.

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A joint meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society and the Utah Ophthalmological Society was held on Monday evening, February 9, at the Newhouse Hotel. Thirty-two members and three visitors were present.

The meeting was called to order by President F. M. McHugh at 8:10 o'clock.

The following program was presented: "Certain Eye Conditions of Importance to the General Practitioner," by F. R. Slopanskey; "Some Diseases of the Nose and Their Relationship to Diseases Elsewhere in the Body," by Fred Stauffer. These papers were discussed by L. W. Snow, F. L. Stauffer, A. N. Leonard, R. Pendleton, G. N. Curtis, M. M. Critchlow, B. I. Burns, H. Van Cott, and D. A. Harvey.

The application of Dr. T. C. Weggeland and Dr. L. L. Daines were read.

Dr. R. J. Friel was unanimously elected a member of the society, and Dr. H. C. Goldthorpe and Dr. Charles C. Johnson were unanimously elected associate members.

Dr. M. M. Critchlow moved that a voluntary assessment of \$1 be levied to help pay for the Physicians' Room in the Memorial Building in Paris, France, to be erected to the memory of men who died in the World War. This motion was discussed by Doctors J. P. Kerby, W. F. Beer, and J. A. Phipps. Motion seconded and carried.

Dr. B. I. Burns moved that the secretary be instructed to inform the Committee on Public Health and Legislation that an antivivisection bill was to be presented to the Utah state legislature. Motion seconded and carried.

BARNET E. BONAR, *Secretary*.

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#### UTAH COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Utah County Medical Society was held on the evening of January 7 at the Hotel Roberts.

After dinner the scientific program was given by Doctors Gill and Ralph Richards of Salt Lake.

Dr. Gill Richards spoke on "A Recent Survey of San Francisco as a Medical Center."

Dr. Ralph Richards spoke on "Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery."

The February 4 meeting, also held at Hotel Roberts, was devoted chiefly to a paper by Dr. Garn Clark on "The Value of X-Ray in Goiter."

ARNOLD ROBISON, *President*.

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#### WEBER COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Weber County Medical Society was held January 22 at the Green Gables Inn, 2602 Madison Avenue.

President E. P. Mills announced the members on the Committee of Public Health and Education for the year of 1931 to be: Doctors J. R. Morrell (chairman), R. L. Draper, and J. F. Wickstrom.

The applications for membership of Dr. Orson S. Daines of Devil Slide and Dr. Oscar W. French of Coalville were favorably passed by the Committee on Censorship, and voted members by the society.

The program of the evening was a moving picture film from Davis and Geck on "Traumatic Surgery of the Extremities."

CONRAD H. JENSEN, *Secretary*.

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Saving State Money by Treatment of Disease.—There are many paradoxes in life, but probably none more expensive to the public and to civilization than the habit of ignoring the existence of venereal diseases on moral grounds while paying for the death or insanity that follows on the grounds of charity. A business man who closes his eyes to an avenue of heavy loss because he dislikes the thought of it, does not remain in business long.

It is estimated that there are 5,000,000 such cases in the United States, and 423,000 new cases each year. These figures are of course approximate, but that there is some accuracy in them is indicated by the fact that about 15 per cent of admissions to state hospitals for the insane arise from earlier, untreated or badly treated venereal cases. Many of these cases went untreated because of the individual's fear of public disapproval, and others because of a lack of funds. It would pay the public to invest a few dollars in treatment rather than spend many dollars when it is too late to do any good.

Among the few agencies which are striving to save public money by offering treatment to venereal patients without money in order to prevent them from later becoming public charges is the University of California Hospital Out-Patient Department. Under the direction of Dr. Howard Morrow and Dr. Hiram Miller a clinic has been built up for this purpose, and during the year 1929-30, they report, 16,167 treatments were given. Almost one-third of these treatments were given at night in order that patients should not be taken from work and the chances of their becoming public charges might be lessened still further.

The doctors state that in most cases the syphilitic infection can be cured; and in others it can be controlled. Unfortunately, the work of the clinic is handicapped by a lack of space and a lack of funds. Cases which should be placed in bed cannot be taken because there are no beds and no money to provide them. Because of the fact that the university accepts only those cases unable to pay regular hospital and doctor's fees, the patients cannot help themselves.

This clinic is only one of many clinics in the outpatient department, and only one of the number which are handicapped for space and funds. It would result in a saving of public money to increase these facilities.